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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9996

INFO 89TH MAW ANDREWS ENB, MARYLAND/DON

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (GARBLED TEXT)

FOR NEA/PAB, AUSTRIAN FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OTRA, AF, OREP (WOLFF, LESTER L.)

SUBJ: CODEL WOLFF

REF: STATE 268809 DTG 012240Z NOV 76

1. U.S. MISSION AND GOVT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) VERY PLEASED
WITH HIGH PRIORITY ASSIGNED KABUL VISIT BY CODEL WOLFF.

2. HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER DAOUD HAS AGREED TO
RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF AT 11:00 AM ON NOVEMBER 14.
REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTED BELOW.

3. THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE ARRIVAL TIME. UPON RECEIPT
OF REFTEL AND DOD MESSAGE 89TH MAW ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND/DON
011730Z NOV 76, WE CONTACTED AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY TO BE
CERTAIN THAT THEY WOULD GRANT AN EXCEPTION FOR A NIGHT
LANDING. WE HAVE NOW BEEN TOLD THAT AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY
WILL NOT REPEAT WILL NOT GRANT A WAIVER FOR A VIP AIRCRAFT
FLOWN BY A PILOT UNFAMILIAR WITH KABUL AIRPORT IN VIEW OF
LACK OF ADEQUATE APPROACH FACILITIES AT KABUL AIRPORT AND
IMPORTANCE OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD. NOTE: DESPITE JEPPESEN

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APPROACH CHART, WAIVER MUST STILL BE OBTAINED FROM AFGHAN
AIR AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS AFPR SUNSET.

(FYI: U.S. AIR ATTACHE KABUL ALSO FEELS THAT NIGHT OPERATIONS WOULD PRESENT A COMPROMISE TO FLIGHT SAFETY.)

4. WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF OVERRULING THE AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY IF WE WENT TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOA; HOWEVER, I THINK SUCH AN APPEAL WOULD RISK ERODING OUR PRESENT EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH SULTAN GHAZI AND AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY UPON WHOSE CONTINUING GOOD WILL WE ARE QUITE DEPENDENT FOR OTHER EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS. ALSO, I AM NOT RPT NOT CONFIDENT THAT THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO OVERRULE THE AIR AUTHORITY AND TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RISKS A NIGHT LANDING WOULD ENTAIL.

5. THEREFORE, HOPE THE FLIGHT FROM MUNICH CAN BE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KABUL NOT LATER THAN 1220Z WHICH IS 1650 LOCAL. ALTERNATIVELY, DEPARTURE FROM MUNICH COULD BE TIMED SO THAT ARRIVAL IN AFGHANISTAN IS EARLY MORNING NOVEMBER 14. WE WILL ADJUST TO WHATEVER SEEMS MOST SUITABLE FOR OBJECTIVES OF CODEL.

6. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED DRAFT SCHEDULE (ASSUMING ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 13):

5:00 PM -- ARRIVAL. WELCOME BY GOA AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

TRANSPORT TO HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL.

EVENING -- INFORMAL FAMILY STYLE DINNERS FOR CODEL AND STAFF AT INDIVIDUAL HOMES OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF U.S. MISSION.

NOVEMBER 14

9:30 AM -- BRIEFING OF CODEL BY CHIEF OF MISSION

10:15 AM -- DEPART FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(IF CODEL ARRIVES EARLY MORNING, WE WILL ADJUST THESE FIRST TWO EVENTS TO CONVENIENCE OF PARTY).

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10:30 AM -- TALKS WITH SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

11:00 AM -- CALL ON PRESIDENT DAOUD
(NOTE: AFGHAN PROTOCOL IS INFLEXIBLE IN LIMITING CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT TO THREE PERSONS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF MISSION. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL ACCOMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF).

ALTERNATE PROGRAMS ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS

NOT INVOLVED IN THE ABOVE EVENTS.

AFTERNOON -- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CALL ON THE PRESIDENT,
AT 11:45 OR 1200, WE PROPOSE FOR WHOLE CODEL
CODEL PARTY EITHER:

-- A TWO AN ONE HALF HOUR MOTOR TRIP THROUGH
-- SPECTACULAR KABUL GORGE (WITH BOX LUNCH ENROUTE)
TO JALALABAD TO SEE POPPY GROWING AREAS, CALL ON
GOVERNOR, AND SEE NEW LY ESTABLISHED ANTI-NARCOTICS
SMUGGLING UNIT (ASU). JALALABAD HAS A BAZAAR
AND HADDA ANTIQUITY SITE (GANDAHARAN PERIOD).

-- OR --

-- USE OF CODEL PLANE TO FLY (60 MINUTES - LUNCH ON
PLANE) TO IMPORTANT SOUTHWEST CITY OF KANDAHAR --
ALSO, WITH OBJECTIVE OF SEEING OPPPY-GROWING AREAS,
NEW ANSU, AND GOVERNOR. KANDHAAR HAS FAMOUS OLD
BAZAAR AND PRE-MOGUL ANTIQUITY SITE BEING WORKED
ON BY BRITISH. RETURN TO KABUL BY 5:00 PM.

(NOTE: IF JALALABAD ALTERNATIVE CHOSE, WE PLAN
FLY REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF BACK TO KABUL IN
CHARTERED AIRCRAFT AT 4:30 PM TO ATTEND OFFICIAL
FUNCTION AT 6:30 PM. CODEL PLANE CANNOT LAND AT
JALALABAD. CHARTER PLANE HOLDS 16 SEATS FOR PARTY, PLUS
TWO ESCORT OFFICERS. REMAINDER OF PARTY WOULD
RETURN TO KABUL BY ROAD, ARRIVING AT 7:30 PM).

6:30 - 8:30 PM -- OFFICIAL RECEPTION FOR CODEL (TENTATIVE)
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MORNING -- REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF AND COMPANIONS DEPART
FOR ISLAMABAD

(ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO
DO NOT TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN).

AFTERNOON -- REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF AND PARTY RETURN.

6:30 - 8:30 PM -- OFFICIAL RECEPTION

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8:00 AM -- BAGGAGE CALL

9:15 AM -- DEPART FOR AIRPORT

10:00 AM -- DEPART FOR CAIRO.
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